

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND
AT NAINITAL**

Writ Petition No. 1172 (S/S) of 2007

Ram Prasad S/o Shri Mani Lal
R/o Village and Post Nasak
District- Dehradun

----- Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Uttarakhand through the Principal Secretary Forest
Departmental Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Uttarakhand,
Rajpur Road, Dehradun
3. The Chief Conservator of Forest, Garhwal Region
85 Rajpur Road, Dehradun
4. Conservator of Forest, Yamuna Circle
86 Rajpur Road, Dehradun
5. Divisional Forest, Division, Chakrata Forest
Division Kalsi, District Dehradun

----- Respondents

Hon'ble M.M. Ghildiyal, J.

Heard Sri P.C. Jhingan, learned counsel for the petitioner and
Sri N.P. Shah, learned Standing Counsel State of Uttarakhand for
the respondents.

By means of this writ petition, the petitioner has prayed for
the following reliefs:

1. Issue a writ, direction or order in the nature of mandamus
commanding the respondents to pay the minimum wages
fixed by G.O. dated 18.10.2005, communicated through
letter of respondent no. 2 (Annexure No. 1).
2. Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus
commanding the respondents to make payment of arrears of
difference of minimum wage fixed by G.O. dated 18.10.2005,
and the wages already paid to the petitioner.

3. Issue any other order or direction, which is deemed fit and proper under the facts and circumstances of the case in favour of the petitioner.
4. Award cost of the writ petition to the petitioner.

The stand of the petitioner is that he was appointed as Laithat Chowkdar with the respondent department in the year 1999 on daily wage basis and is being paid Rs. 2190/- per month.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that by order dated 14th December, 2006, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Uttarakhand, Dehradun has amended the minimum wages of the employees of the department in view of the Government Order, which was passed in this respect, on 18.10.2005. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that in spite of this order dated 14th December, 2006, the petitioner is not being paid the increased wages.

During the course of argument, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that raising all his grievances, the petitioner has already moved a representation on 15.11.2005 before respondent no. 5, Divisional Forest Division, Chakrata, which is still pending.

Considering the circumstances aforesaid, I deem it fit and proper to direct respondent no. 5 to decide the representation of the petitioner dated 15.11.2005 within a period of four weeks from the date of production of a certified copy of this order before him.

If the petitioner and similarly situated persons of the department are entitled to get the wages as per Government Order

dated 18.10.2005, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Dehradun shall issue necessary directions to all the officers concerned to comply the order in case the order dated 14.12.2006 relates to the post of petitioner and make payment in accordance with law.

With this direction, the writ petition is finally disposed of. All the pending applications stand disposed of.

(M.M. Ghildiyal, J.)

24.08.2007
NCM